Water Sources: Lake Michie; perennial streams near Spruce-pine Lodge and Holly Grove picnic area

Amphibian Breeding Sites: No salamander pools were observed, but American toads were heard chorusing in a large backwater located at the upper end of the lake

Denning Sites: Rock outcrops, particularly below the dam

Big Trees/Large Cavities: Abundant in mature hardwoods at upper end of the lake; several

oaks seen that were >2' dbh

Snags and Logs: Abundant in mature hardwood stands

Mast-producing Species: Oaks, hickories, beech are all common at upper end of the lake

Nectar Sources: None recorded

Landscape Features:

Refuge Shape: Narrow strips along the lake margin, widening in the vicinity of the dam Refuge Integrity/Fragmentation: SR 1616 crosses the middle of the lake; bridge does not provide much passageway for terrestrial species; SR 1622 separates this tract from the Butner Gamelands located to the east

Proximity to Other Refuges/Existence of Corridors: Contiguous with Hill Forest upstream and Butner/Falls of the Neuse Gamelands to the east and south

Threats and Disturbances:

Evidence of Past Land Uses: Young pine stands; eroded slopes

Level of Human Intrusion: Medium—nature trails are present in some areas

Distance to Nearest Road: Crossed by SR 1616 and bounded on the east by 1622

Potential for Habitat Loss or Fragmentation: Low—no new facilities are being planned

Potential for Changes in Adjoining Land Use: Medium—privately owned lands adjacent

to the city property are being developed

Species Records:

Sciurus carolinensis (95-03-16/o)
Meleagris gallopavo (95-03-16/s)
Melanerpes carolinus (95-03-16/o)
Picoides pubescens (95-03-16/o)
Dryocopus pileatus (95-03-16/o)
Corvus brachyrhynchos (95-03-16/o)

Parus bicolor (95-03-16/o)
Thryothorus ludovicianus (95-03-16/o)
Dandroica pinus (95-03-16/o)
Crotalus horridus (DUKE, NCMU)
Plethodon cinereus (95-03-16/o)
Bufo americanus (95-03-16/o)

Pseudacris triseriata (95-03-16/o) Pseudacris crucifer (95-03-16/o) Anthocharis midea (95-03-16/o) Celastrina ladon (95-03-16/o)

Additional Survey Needs:

Only one visit was made to this site, in late winter; more intensive survey of all animal groups is needed; status of rattlesnakes in gorge below the dam needs to be checked (last observed in the 1980's?)